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Park Avenue Synagogue

# Bulletin

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# Community for Body and Soul

RABBI NEIL ZUCKERMAN

**W**hat constitutes religion? That was the question of researchers who turned to CrossFit, the fitness phenomenon, to investigate alternative spiritual centers in people's lives. "CrossFit is family, laughter, love and community. I can't



imagine my life without the people I've met through it," says one person in a recent *New York Times* article. Another participant says, "What really struck us was the way in which people

were bringing their kids to their box [gym], or the way different workouts of the day were named after soldiers who had died in battle. So there's all of these things you would expect to see in a church — remembering the dead through some sort of ritual, and intergenerational community."

It sounds a lot like religion, doesn't it? And I suspect that many of us who spend time in a variety of communities have experienced profound spiritual moments outside of a typical religious setting. As an avid exerciser, I have certainly felt the presence of God when

running, jumping, or squatting. I have also felt that same presence when at a concert, marveling at the God-given talent of a performer I admire or in the shared values of the fan community who come together to celebrate a particular artist.

The point of these musings is not to question whether or not CrossFit is a religious community, or if spiritual feelings at a concert are authentic. What constitutes a religion or a religious community is highly subjective, and I have no doubt that a deep commitment to CrossFit brings meaning and purpose to people's lives.

The real question is: what differentiates our gym and country club memberships from our synagogue membership? To begin to answer this question, I turn to synagogue transformation guru Ron Wolfson, who writes the following in his book *The Spirituality of Welcoming* (p. 194):

*"The main purpose of a synagogue is to encourage Jews to explore their Judaism, to find a level of spirituality in their lives, to connect them to community and to mobilize*

*them to God's work in the world. The synagogue is a community where worship is important, community is cherished, and service to others is valued."*

Gyms are important; I spend a great deal of time in mine. But Barry's Bootcamp or Equinox don't shape my worldview; they don't provide me with a place or community to sanctify and celebrate life's greatest moments; and they ultimately don't inspire me to leave their four walls to transform the outside world.

So keep on exercising; it is good for your heart. And I urge you all to deepen your commitment to our sacred community; it is good for your soul.

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## Shabbaton 2016

### Policy, Politics, & US-Israel Relations: Jews in the American Public Sphere

Featuring

Ambassador Dennis Ross

Jeffrey Goldberg, National Correspondent for The Atlantic

Musical Entertainment by Dan Nichols

Friday and Saturday | January 29 and 30

During our annual weekend of learning and discussion, we will examine the influence American Jews have had on policy, politics, and decades of complicated US-Israel relations. On Friday evening, Ambassador Dennis Ross will discuss not only the role of American Jews in the cabinets of modern day presidents, but also their impact on the facts on the ground in the US and Israel. On Shabbat morning, Jeffrey Goldberg will explore the ties that bind American and Israeli Jews together and the issues that move us apart. After Kiddush, our two guests will dialogue, with Rabbi Cosgrove as moderator.

#### Schedule

### Friday | January 29

5:30 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat for Families with Young Children with Guest Artist Dan Nichols

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat with Guest Artist Dan Nichols

7:30 pm | Shabbat Dinner

8:30 pm | Ambassador Dennis Ross, *Doomed to Succeed: The US-Israeli Relationship from Truman to Obama*

9:30 pm | Dan Nichols, *Jewish American Rock Stars*

### Saturday | January 30

9:00 am | Window on Israel with Rabbi Zuckerman and Guest Jeffrey Goldberg

9:00 am | Traditional Shaharit with Cantor Schwartz and Rabbi Witkovsky

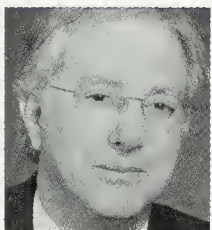
10:00 am | Shabbat Morning Service with Guest Artist Dan Nichols

11:30 am | Jeffrey Goldberg, *Two Ships in the Night: Are We Really One People?*

12:15 pm | Kiddush Luncheon and Mincha

1:15 pm | Dialogue with Ambassador Dennis Ross and Jeffrey Goldberg, moderated by Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

3:00 pm | Shabbat Afternoon Oneg and Shabbaton Wrap-Up



#### AMBASSADOR DENNIS

**ROSS** is counselor and William Davidson Distinguished fellow at the Washington Institute and author of the just-published *Doomed to*

*Succeed: The US-Israeli Relationship from Truman to Obama*.



**JEFFREY GOLDBERG** is a National Correspondent for *The Atlantic*. He is currently writing a book on the Middle East policies of Presidents George W. Bush and

Barack Obama. He is the recipient of the National Magazine Award for Reporting.



**DAN NICHOLS** has toured Jewish summer camps across North America for the last 15 years. Realizing that music makes powerful connections, Dan

established the Jewish rock band Eighteen; they have released 11 albums.

**Cost for Friday evening:** Members/\$70; Non-members/\$90; Children (18 and under)/\$30. There is no cost for Saturday events but registration is required. Please register at [pasyn.org/shabbaton2016](http://pasyn.org/shabbaton2016) or call Sara Hassin at 212-369-2600, x159.



## Schedule of Religious Services · טבת-שבט

Weekday minyan: **Shaharit** Monday–Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays, January 1 and January 18 at 9:00 am. **Ma'ariv** Sunday–Thursday at 5:45 pm. Shabbat mincha 20 minutes after the end of morning services. For the schedule of Congregational School Shabbat Experiences, see p. 11.

### Friday, January 1 • 20 Tevet

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

### Saturday, January 2 • 21 Tevet

Parashat Sh'mot

9:15 am | Sanctuary service

20 minutes after services | Minha

### Friday, January 8 • 27 Tevet

5:00 pm | YFE Kabbalat Shabbat (see p. 10)

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

### Saturday, January 9 • 28 Tevet

Parashat Va-era

9:15 am | Sanctuary service

Bat Mitzvah of Ariana Bevilacqua

Bar Mitzvah of Jack Volpert

9:30 am | Havurah

The Havurah is a lay-led, child-friendly service for individuals and families of all ages who want an intimate and informal prayer experience. We invite people of all skill levels to participate by leading part of the service, reading Torah or Haftarah or by facilitating a Torah discussion.

10:00 am | CS Shabbat Experience (Grades 3-6)

11:00 am | CS Family Shabbat Experience (Grades K-2)

11:15 am | Tot Tefillah (see p. 10)

20 minutes after services | Minha

### Monday, January 11 • 1 Shevat

Rosh Hodesh

7:15 am | Morning minyan with Hallel, Torah reading and Musaf

### Friday, January 15 • 5 Shevat

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

### Saturday, January 16 • 6 Shevat

Parashat Bo

9:15 am | Sanctuary service

Bat Mitzvah of Layla Abroon

20 minutes after services | Minha

4:30 pm | Hazzan's Tisch

Savor the last part of Shabbat at Cantor Azi Schwartz's home. We'll schmooze, snack, sing, say Ma'ariv (the evening service) together and end with Havdalah. Register online at [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org) or call 212-369-2600, x115, to receive the address.

### Friday, January 22 • 12 Shevat

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

### Saturday, January 23 • 13 Shevat

Parashat B'shallah/Shabbat Shirah

9:15 am | Sanctuary service

Bat Mitzvah of Julia Kirsch

Bar Mitzvah of Jules Ohana

10:00 am | CS Shabbat Experience (Grades 3-6)

20 minutes after services | Minha

### Monday, January 25 • 15 Shevat

Tu BiShvat

7:15 am | At morning minyan, no *Tahanun* (penitential prayers) in honor of the Birthday of the Trees

### Friday, January 29 • 18 Shevat

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

5:30 pm | YFE Kabbalat Shabbat (see p. 10)

### Saturday, January 30 • 19 Shevat

Parashat Yitro

**Shabbaton 2016/5776** (see proceeding page for schedule)

9:00 am | Traditional Shaharit with Cantor Schwartz and Rabbi Witkovsky

10:00 am | Shabbat Morning Service with Guest Artist Dan Nichols

12:15 pm | Minha

PAS clergy will preach and conduct services in the Sanctuary, with Colin Fowler at the organ; the Synagogue Choir: Ena Freeman, Yonah Gershator, Alex Guerrero, and Tim Krol; and the Synagogue Band: Gil Smuskowitz, bass; Mike Cohen, woodwinds; and Ronen Itzik, percussion. Abe Lebovic is our regular Torah Reader, and Mark Fraier is our Ritual Director.

Can't make it to the synagogue? Park Avenue Synagogue sanctuary services are live streamed. Visit [pasyn.org/webcast](http://pasyn.org/webcast).

# Synagogue Family

## בני מצוה BNEI MITZVAH



**Ariana Bevilacqua**  
January 9 | *Va-era*  
Daughter of Marisa Fox Bevilacqua & Michael Bevilacqua



**Jack Volpert**  
January 9 | *Va-era*  
Son of Teri & Barry Volpert



**Layla Abroon**  
January 16 | *Bo*  
Daughter of Ahou & John Abroon



**Julia Kirsch**  
January 23 | *B'shallah*  
Daughter of Deborah Feyerick and Mark Kirsch



**Jules Ohana**  
January 23 | *B'shallah*  
Son of Valentine & Laurent Ohana

## ברוכים הבאים WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Melissa & Adam Bernard  
Allison & Michael Dwork  
Lionel Leventhal  
Gayle Glickman & Adam Satcowitz  
Jennifer Courtian & Stephen Troy  
Shari & Ofer Yardeni

## מזל טוב MAZAL TOV

**Rachelle & Howard Balaban** on the marriage of their daughter Jennifer to Jonathan Lax, and to the young couple

**Lauren & Matthew Mirman** on the birth of a daughter, Sienna Mirman, and to big brother Ryan

**Debra Lusman & Bill Platt** on the birth of a daughter, Madeline Elise Platt

**Kate & Greg Maurer-Hollaender** on the birth of a daughter, Remi Maurer-Hollaender

**Stephen Cohen** on the birth of a grandson, Leo Elan Cohen, and to the parents, Dara & Jonathan Cohen

**Arianna & Gabriel Rosenberg** on the birth of a son, Caleb Joshua Rosenberg, and to grandparents Maris & Andy Rosenberg

**Lauren Bush Lauren & David Lauren** on the birth of a son, James Richard Lauren, and to grandparents Ricky & Ralph Lauren

**Rebecca Raphael & Eric Feuerstein** on the birth of a son, Benjamin Eli Feuerstein, and to older siblings Jacob and Lily Rae

**Annelise Peterson & David Winter** on the birth of a daughter, Maude Sadelle Winter, and to big brother Charlie and grandparents Susan & Benjamin Winter

**Laura Leon** on the birth of a grandson, Rory Marc Cohen, and to parents Jill & Steven Cohen

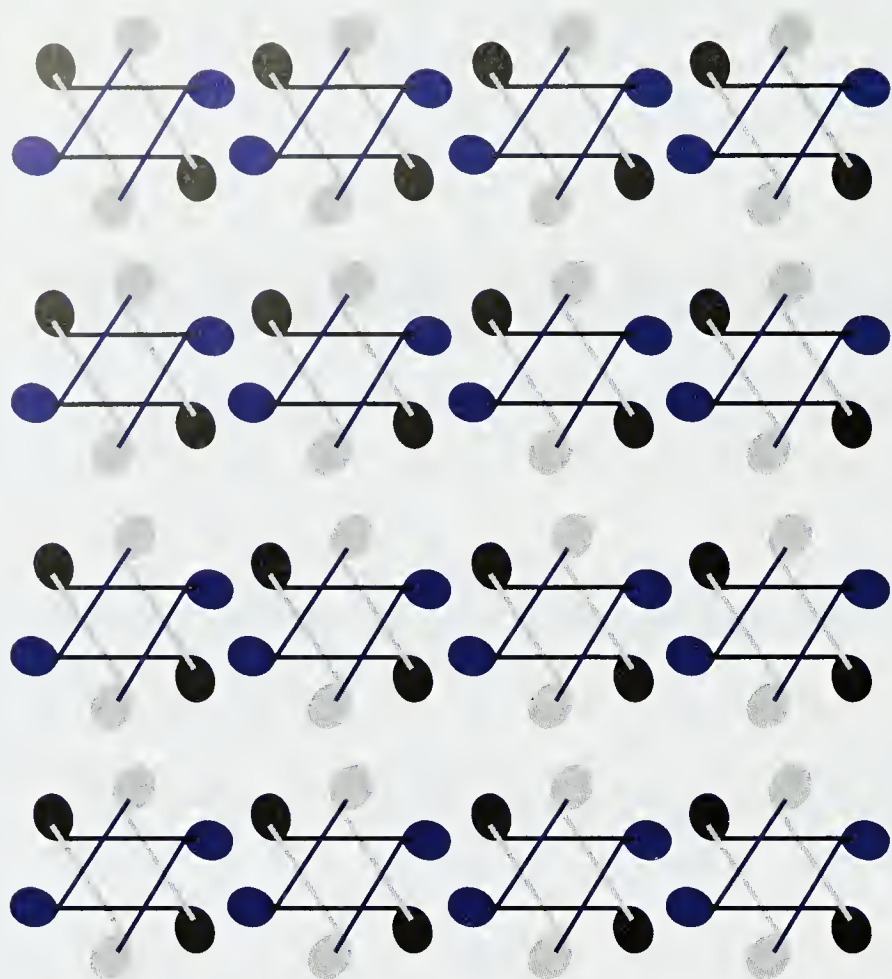
## המקום ינחם CONDOLENCES

Family and friends of Gertrude Fehl

Joanne & Morton Davis on the loss of her sister, Minette Benson



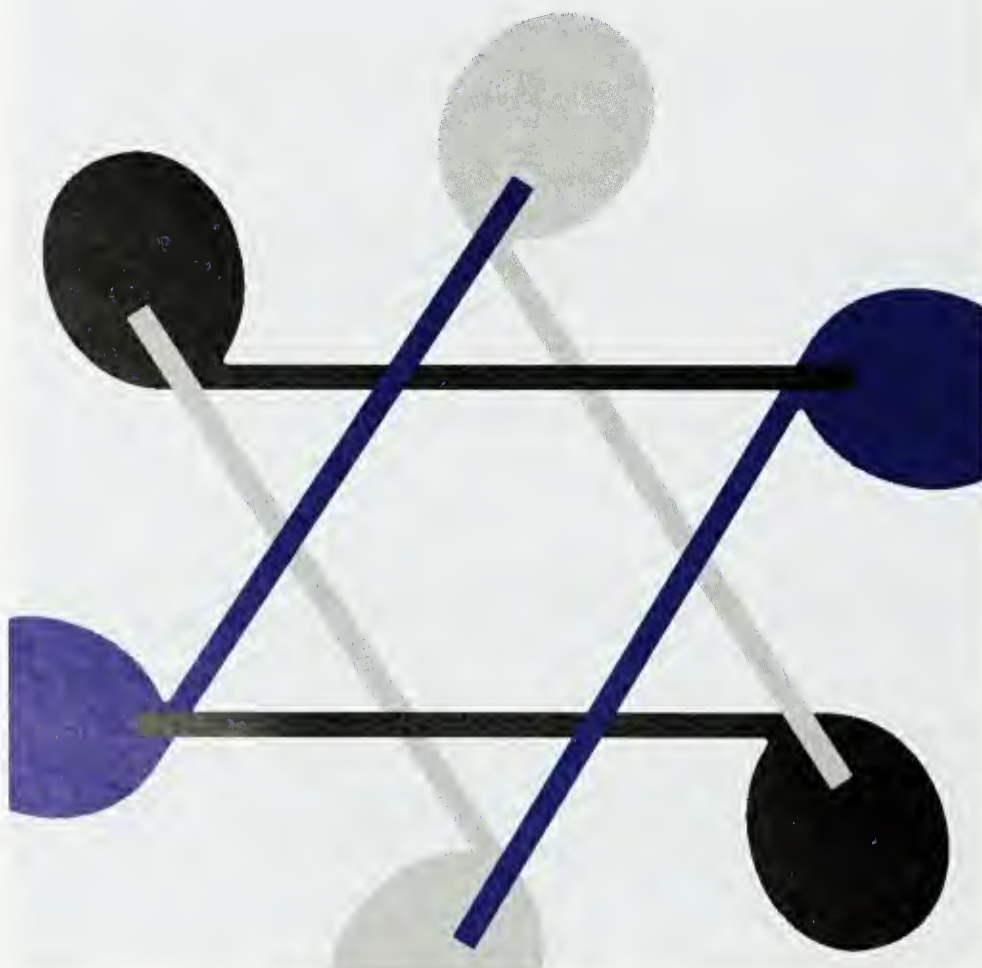
Save the Date!



### **PAS 12th Annual Gala 2016/5776**

*Making Music and Memories*  
*An evening celebrating PAS*  
*and honoring Cantor Azi Schwartz*  
**Thursday Evening | March 10 | 6:30 pm**

For tickets, journal ads, and more, please visit  
[www.pasyn.org/gala2016](http://www.pasyn.org/gala2016).



## **Caring Network**

Supporting congregants and their families during times of transition, the Caring Network offers solace during times of illness, suffering, loss, and grief, and also reaches out to families during times of joy. If you or someone you know needs assistance from the Caring Network, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact *Rabbi Neil Zuckerman* at [nzuckerman@pasyn.org](mailto:nzuckerman@pasyn.org) or 212-369-2600, x124.

*A service of The Jewish Board*

### **Social Work Support for PAS Members and Their Families**

**Tuesdays | By appointment | Shira Felberbaum, LMSW**

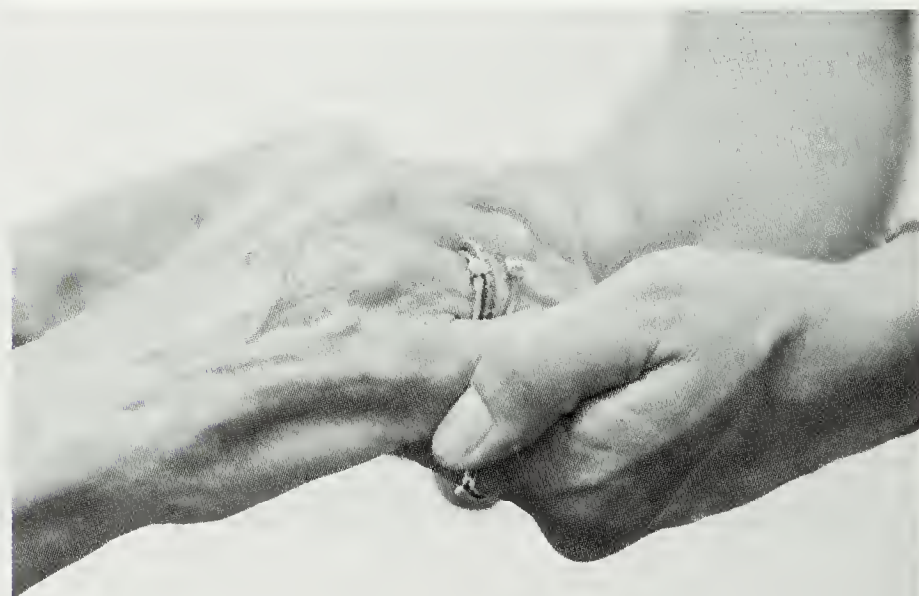
*For more information or to make an appointment, contact Shira Felberbaum at [sfelberbaum@jbfcs.org](mailto:sfelberbaum@jbfcs.org) or 212-632-4735, or contact Rabbi Zuckerman.*

*A service of DOROT*

### **Social Work Support for PAS Seniors, Families and Their Caregivers**

**By appointment | Yael Kornfeld, LMSW**

*For more information or to make an appointment, contact Yael Kornfeld at [ykornfeld@dorotusa.org](mailto:ykornfeld@dorotusa.org) or 212-769-2850, or contact Rabbi Zuckerman.*





# Weekly Classes

For additional information about classes listed here, please look in the Winter/Spring Program Catalog or on [www.pasyn.org](http://www.pasyn.org).

To register for Adult Education classes and events, unless otherwise noted in the description, go to [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org) and click on "Adult Education."

On the left side of the page, click on "Classes" or on the event and then on the appropriate registration link. Those without Internet access may call Beth Levick at 212-369-2600, x146.

## MONDAY

Monday classes will resume in February.

## TUESDAY

**Essential Essays**  
approx. 8:00 am, immediately after minyan | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

**Contemporary Jewish Thought**  
11:30 am | Marga Hirsch and Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

**Adult Bat Mitzvah**  
6:30 pm | Cantor Shira Lissek and Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

## WEDNESDAY

 **the florence melton school of adult jewish learning**  
A PROJECT OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

**Denominations: Addressing the Challenges of Modernity**  
Jan 6, 13 | 6:30 pm | Rabbi David Kalb

**Shemot I: From Slavery to Sinai**  
Jan 6, 13 | 6:30 pm | Rabbi Shmuel Afek

**The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning: Year 1**  
6:45 pm | Rabbi Shmuel Afek and Rabbi Charlie Savenor

**Jewish Choices for Jewish Children**  
Jan 13 | 7:00 pm | Debbie Cosgrove

*Sponsored by the Rabbinical Assembly*  
**Exploring Judaism**  
Jan 13, 20, 27 | 7:00 pm | at Shaare Zedek | Rabbi Joel Shaiman

## THURSDAY

**The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning: Year 2**  
9:15 am | Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky and Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

**Beyond Borders: The History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict**  
Jan 7, 14 | 9:15 am | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

**Denominations: Addressing the Challenges of Modernity**  
Jan 7, 14 | 9:15 am | Rabbi David Kalb

**Foundations of Jewish Family Living**  
Jan 7, 21 | 9:20 am | Debbie Cosgrove

**Library Lunch & Learn**  
12:00 pm  
Jan 7 | Rabbi Charlie Savenor  
Jan 14 | Insights from Israel with Rabbi Michael Graetz (from Israel via Skype)  
Jan 21 | Bryan Wexler  
Jan 28 | Joshua Jacobs

*Sponsored by the Rabbinical Assembly*  
**Exploring Judaism**  
Jan 7, 14, 21 at Ansche Chesed;  
Jan 28 at Sutton Place | 7:00 pm | Rabbi William Plevan

## FRIDAY

**Daf HaShavua: Weekly Talmud Study**  
Jan 8, 15, 22, 29 | approx. 8:00 am, immediately after minyan | Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky

**Caffeine for the Soul: Morning Torah Study**  
Jan 8 | 9:15 am | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

**Women in the Bible**  
Jan 22 | 9:15 am | Debbie Cosgrove

## SATURDAY/SHABBAT

**Parashat HaShavua** | no class on Jan 30 (Shabbaton) | 8:45 am



## The Edmond de Rothschild Library

[www.pasyn.org/rothschildlibrary](http://www.pasyn.org/rothschildlibrary)  
Director: Marga Hirsch

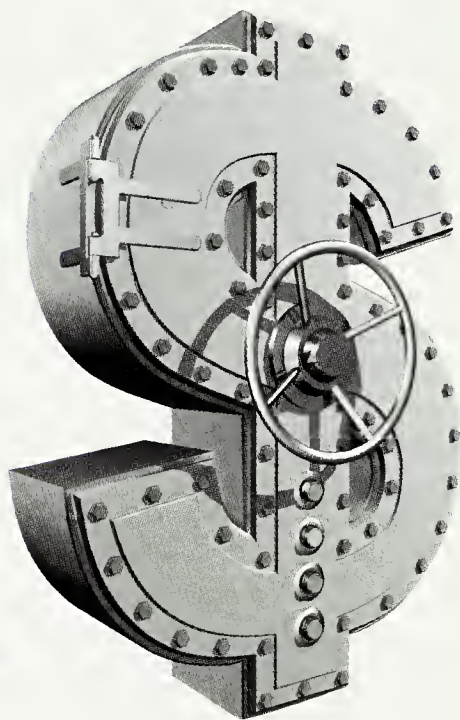
Browse the library's online catalog, and stop by to check out books, DVDs, and CDs. The collection is organized in the Elazar system, designed especially for Jewish libraries. The labels look like Dewey Decimal numbers, but the books are organized according to Jewish categories.

**Library Hours** | Monday, 12:00–6:00 pm  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 12:00–6:30 pm  
Friday by appointment

Marga is in at other times as well; you are always welcome.  
In January the library is closed during the following class hours:  
Wednesdays, 6:45–9:00 pm  
Thursdays, 9:15–10:30 am



# This Month at PAS



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**Men's Club Financial Forum**  
Thursday | Jan 7 | 7:00 pm | Open to all  
Hear the latest financial forecast from our own Dr. Maury Harris.

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**Purim Spiel**

KICK-OFF

Sunday | Jan 10 | 10:30 am

REHEARSALS

Sundays | Jan 17, 24, 31 | 10:30 am

Thursdays | Jan 21, 28 | 7:00 pm

Casting call! Here's your chance to be a Broadway belter! Give us a tune. "So You Think You Can Dance?"

Show us! You'd rather act? There are speaking parts. Have a fantasy about producing a show? Come work behind the scenes. Purim evening is on Wednesday, March 23. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings and some Thursday evenings from January 17 – March 20, but everyone does not have to attend every time. Performers above age 10 – kids, teens, adults, and the ageless – are welcome to be part of our Purim extravaganza. Come join the funniest group at PAS. For more information, contact [pspiro@pasyn.org](mailto:pspiro@pasyn.org) or 212-369-2600, x115.

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*Sponsored by Tikkun Olam*

**Mitzvah Monday**

Monday | Jan 11 | 11:30 am

Adult volunteers serve hot lunch to isolated, poor, homeless, and mentally ill seniors at Educational Alliance's Project ORE. *RSVP to Nessa Liben, libenn@ujafedny.org or 212-836-1173.*

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**Women's Network Open Meeting**

Monday | Jan 11 | 6:15 pm

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*Sponsored by Tikkun Olam*

**Knit and Nosh**

Wednesday | Jan 13 | 9:15 am

Knitters at all levels are invited for a monthly get-together to make friends while improving knitting skills or learning to knit. Make something for yourself or an item to donate to those in need.

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*Cosponsored by the PAS Caring Network, Partners in Caring via DOROT and The Jewish Board, Sutton Place Synagogue, and Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun*

**Striving for Health and Well-being: Food Allergies**

Wednesday | January 13 | 6:30 pm

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*The PAS Conversation/Master Class*

**Breakthrough: Jewish Books that Changed the Consciousness of America**

Tuesday | Jan 19 | 7:00 pm | Dr. Wendy Zierler

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*Sponsored by Young Couples Group*

**Shabbat Mix & Mingle**

Friday | January 22 | 7:30 pm

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*Sponsored by Men's Club*

**Project Ezra Luncheon**

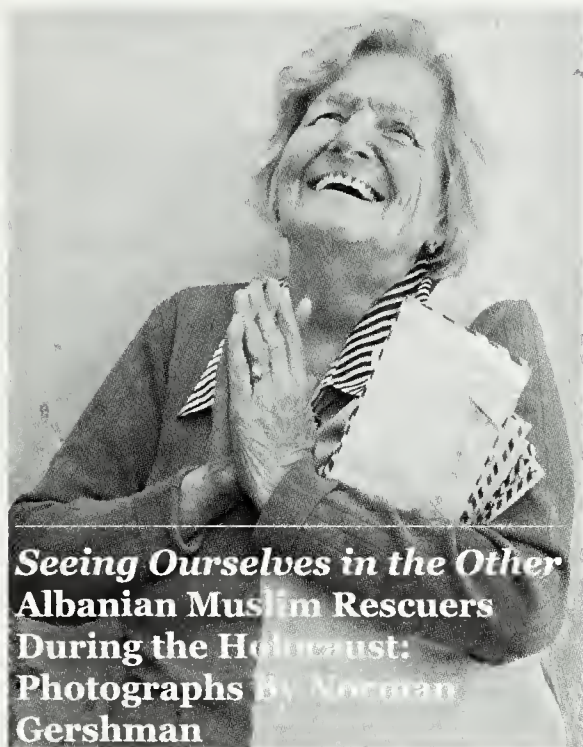
Sunday | January 24 | 11:30 am | Teen and adult volunteers

Serve lunch and bring smiles to the faces of elderly Jewish seniors from the Lower East Side.



# Gallery

2nd floor



**Seeing Ourselves in the Other:  
Albanian Muslim Rescuers  
During the Holocaust:  
Photographs By Norman  
Gershman**

January – April

When post-World War II Europe found itself devastated by the loss of its Jewish population, Albania was the only country where there were more Jewish people than had lived there prior to the Holocaust. Over 2,000 Jews from Albania, Greece, Austria, and Italy were hidden in the homes of Albanian Muslim families throughout the War. Norman Gershman, an American photographer fascinated by these stories, traveled to Albania and Kosovo to chronicle the tales of the righteous Albanians and their devotion to *Besa*, an Albanian code of honor which means “to keep the promise.”

Each portrait is accompanied by a personal statement of the individual’s honorable act. Through subtle portraiture, Gershman communicates the honor, faith, and altruism of Albanian rescuers during the Holocaust.

As the world grapples with today’s crises, this exhibition invites us to find inspiration in seeing ourselves both as those seeking refuge and as those who have the power to grant it.

FROM THE RITA AND GEORGE M. SHAPIRO AUDIO ARCHIVE

## A Tribute: Nathaniel “Duke” Usdan, z”l

SUZANNE AISENBERG, CHAIR, ARCHIVE COMMITTEE

**N**athaniel “Duke” Usdan, past Chairman of PAS, passed away on October 20, 2015. Park Avenue Synagogue extends its deepest condolences to the Usdan family: to Duke’s wife Tara, his children Esme and James, Adam and Andrea, and John and Eva, and his six grandchildren.

Current chairman Art Penn recounts that Duke’s concern for and involvement with the synagogue continued long past his chairmanship. “When we were first considering our current space project and capital campaign, Rabbi Cosgrove and I asked to meet with Duke to get his advice. He had been integrally involved in the last large project and campaign 40 years ago. Duke was generous with his time and gave us pointers that were spot on that we have used in this campaign. His advice is one of the reasons for our success so far.”

Beginning even before Duke married his late wife, Suzanne Lemberg Usdan, z”l, their family’s love of and commitment to the synagogue has been decades long: *l’dor va-dor*. The Shapiro Audio Archive captured many of the Usdan family events – bar mitzvah services for the Usdan children, High Holiday aliyot for Duke and his brother Martin, z”l, and Duke’s inspired presentations at PAS congregational meetings as chairman from 1988 to 1993.

When honored as Hatan B’reishit on Simhat Torah in September 1983, Duke was praised by Rabbi Judah Nadich for his “conspicuous service to the synagogue ... his leadership in the community” and for his generous commitment of time and resources to Park Avenue Synagogue.

After his aliyah on Simhat Torah, Duke said:

*We all feel that we in our days have been blessed in certain ways. I feel that I have been blessed many times over ... I had a wonderful mother and father – but even there I was twice blessed – I had the most wonderful father-in-law ... I was brought up with the idea that the most important thing was the family and the next most important thing was the synagogue ... and without the synagogue none of us can really exist in Jewish life.*



# Youth Education & Events

For additional information about all youth events, please look in the Fall Program Catalog or on [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org).

## Young Family Education

For latest information and to be informed of new events, sign up to receive Young Family Education email. Visit [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org) and click on Email Sign up.

To register for spring semester classes or to RSVP for any YFE program, go to [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org) and click on Young Family Education. For classes, click on Toddler Programs or on Afterschool Programs on the left side. For events, on the right side Under Upcoming Events, click on the event to access information and registration forms. For dinners, cancellations with refund (or credit towards another dinner) are possible until the Wednesday before the dinner.

For more information, contact Malka Lowenstein, Director of YFE, at [mloenstein@pasyn.org](mailto:mloenstein@pasyn.org) or x140.

## SHABBAT & HOLIDAY WORSHIP & PROGRAMS

### Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner for Families with Young Children

Friday | Jan 8 | Service 5:00 pm, Dinner approx. 5:30 pm

Children with January birthdays will receive a birthday blessing and a small gift.

Cost: \$45/members; \$50/general; \$20/children

### Tot Tefillah: YFE Shabbat Service

Saturday | Jan 9 | 11:15 am | Tot Tefillah

### Shirat Shabbat

Fridays | Jan 22, 29 | 9:10 am | For parents and toddlers age 3 and under

Join Malka for song, dance, a short story and challah, and prepare to welcome Shabbat.

### Kabbalat Shabbat for Families with Young Children with Guest Artist Dan Nichols

Friday | Jan 29 | 5:30 pm | Shabbaton

## PASECC

## Derekh Eretz in the ECC



FROM PAMELA B. SCHWARTZ, DIRECTOR

One of the values emphasized in the new Jewish Life curriculum in the ECC is *derekh erez*, showing respect for others and for ourselves. On the simplest level, *derekh erez* means good manners:

speaking and listening to others respectfully. As educators in the ECC, we model this behavior every day, showing respect for our students and expecting them to show respect to each other and to their teachers.

We chose to focus on *derekh erez* around the time that we observe Martin Luther King Day, in mid-January.

While young children are not ready to learn about a time in America when people were not treated equally, they are able to admire leaders who speak out for what they believe in, like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The students will learn that Dr. King had respect for all people and that he wanted all people to be shown respect. He spoke a lot and spoke loudly for what he thought was right, even when it was extremely hard.

Giving the children models of people who practice *derekh erez* by telling the stories of leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., teaches them to value and practice respectful behavior themselves.



Sponsored by the Rothschild Library

### Kids' Shabbat Book Basket

On Shabbat, look for the book basket near the ushers in the Sanctuary. There are Jewish books for children of all ages to look at while sitting quietly in their seats. Let your children enjoy the books during services and return them so that others may read them next week.



For up-to-date information about the school's schedule, please rely on the school's mailings and weekly school newsletter.

## From the Director



JENNIFER STERN GRANOWITZ

This month we observe a federal holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, one of the leading theologians and Jewish philosophers of the 20th century, marched with Dr. King

in Selma. The photograph of Heschel and King at the start of the Voting Rights March of 1965 has become a symbol of Jewish support for civil rights. Rabbi Heschel's words, "I felt my legs praying," reflect the centrality of the Jewish value of *tzedek*, justice.

I encourage you to take time this month to discuss justice with your child, a friend, or family member. One way to begin this conversation is to read the award-winning picture book *As Good As Anybody* by Richard Michelson. As Jews, we can view American history through a Jewish lens. Take the opportunity this year on Monday, January 18, to be proud of your hyphenated identity.

## Congregational School Schedule

**Monday | Jan 4 |** Classes Resume

**Saturday | Jan 9 |** Shabbat Experience Programs

10:00 am–12:00 pm | Gimel, Dalet, Hey, & Vav (3–6) Learners | PAS

11:00 am–12:00 pm | Gan, Alef and Bet (K–2) Family Shabbat Experience | Liederkrantz\*

**Tuesday | Jan 12 |** 5:45–7:00 pm | Vav (6) Bnei Mitzvah Family Program

**Saturday | Jan 16 |** MLK weekend | No Shabbat Experience Programs

**Monday | Jan 18 |** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | No Classes

**Tuesday | Jan 19 |** 5:00 pm | Parent Workshop | Talking to Your Kids About the Holocaust |  
Rabbi Charlie Savenor and Jennifer Stern Granowitz

**Friday | Jan 22 |** 7:30 pm following Kabbalat Shabbat | Shabbat Dinner | Hey, Vav, & Zayin (5–7)

**Saturday | Jan 23 |** Shabbat Experience Programs

10:00 am | Gimel, Dalet, Hey, & Vav (3–6) Learners | PAS

**Saturday | Jan 30 |** Family Shabbat Experience | See p. 3 for Shabbaton schedule.

10:00 am | Gimel, Dalet, Hey, & Vav (3–6) | Families join the community in the sanctuary

11:00 am | Families go together to Liederkrantz for program\*

11:30 am | Option for parents to return to PAS to hear the Shabbaton speaker

\*6 East 87th Street between Madison & Fifth Avenues



# Youth Education & Events

For more information, please contact the Youth Department at 212-462-1000 or visit our website at [www.pasyn.org](http://www.pasyn.org)

## POSTCARD FROM CAMP

Rabbi Witkovsky and Jennifer Stern Granowitz visit and pose with campers at Ramah Nyack last summer. Will your child be in next year's photo?



## Time to Choose Your Fun

**I**t's time to sign up for Jewish day camps! Especially for elementary school children who choose to stay in the city during the summer, these camps are a fun choice. Many PAS member children attend the 92Y's Camp Yomi or Camp Ramah in Nyack. Yomi has both a traditional day camp and a mirror program, Camp Bereshit, conducted entirely in Hebrew. Both these camps offer daily bus service from Manhattan. Young Judea's Sprout Lake, an overnight camp, now has a Brooklyn-based day camp with a bus, and several Jewish community centers in the area, including Margate and Pearl River, also offer local day camps.

For kids, outdoor fun in a Jewish setting – swimming, sports, singing – is the draw. Sophie Eisenberg, a third grader, says her favorite thing about Camp Yomi is the cheering. Her brother Ben, a first grader, loves his counselors and says he can't wait to go back next summer and see them again.

Sisters Lili, Elah, and Maia Greenslade, ages 12, 10, and 8, agree that Camp Ramah Nyack is a great place to spend the summer. "One thing I like is that they let you

choose what you do from lots of exciting things," says Maia. A highlight of her summer was roasting peaches over a fire for an outdoor cooking class: "Those peaches tasted so good!"

For information on these or any other Jewish camps, please contact co-chairs Chana Zimmerman and Vanessa Waye or Director of the Congregational School, Jennifer Stern Granowitz.

### INTRODUCING Mirit Sands, Ramah Service Corps Fellow

The Youth Department is excited to welcome Mirit Sands. As our Ramah Service Corps fellow, Mirit will be integrating camp-style programming into our youth experiences. Mirit recently completed her Masters in Jewish Education at the William Davidson Graduate School at JTS. She is a graduate of List College with a BA in Psychology from Columbia University and a BA in Bible from JTS. Born and raised in New Orleans, Mirit spent 11 wonderful summers as a camper and then a counselor at



Ramah Daram. Last summer she was a Rash Edah (unit head) at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires. She loves cooking, writing, traveling, photography, and spending time with friends and family. Mirit is thrilled to be part of the Ramah Service Corps and can't wait to bring the magic of camp to the Park Avenue Synagogue community!

### PAS Youth Choir

REHEARSALS

Shabbat/Saturday | Jan 9, 30 | 9:30–9:55 am

PERFORMANCE

Shabbat/Saturday | Jan 30 | Shabbaton | 10:00 am

Open to children age 6 and up, the Youth Choir learns music and performs with our cantors at Shabbat and holiday services. For more information, please contact Cantor Shira Lissek at [slissek@pasyn.org](mailto:slissek@pasyn.org).



For more information and to register, see the Teen Weekly email or contact Hallie Chandler, [hchandler@pasyn.org](mailto:hchandler@pasyn.org) or 212-369-2600, x147.

## Let's Learn

**Rabbi Judah Nadich High School meets every Wednesday night with different mini-courses taking place each month. Please register through the Teen Weekly email.**

*Mini-course*

### **Pre-Packing for College/School Problems**

**Wednesdays | Jan 6, 13, 20 | 6:00 pm**

Thinking about college? Are NYC and Jewish teens more pressured to get into a good college? Feel the pressure? Come get some relief.

### **Parent and Teen Shabbat Study with Rabbi Cosgrove**

**Saturday | Jan 9 | 4:00–5:00 pm**

Post-Bnei Mitzvah learners and their parents are invited to meet at Rabbi Cosgrove's apartment for study, schmoozing, snacks and Shabbat fun!

*For 8th graders*

### **Rosh Hodesh, It's a Girl Thing & Shevet Achim, Brotherhood**

**Monday | Jan 11 | 6:00 pm**

Led by Hallie Chandler and Daniel Sternberg, these experiential education groups cultivate Jewish identity with fun communal experiences. The groups provide a safe space to be with one another while addressing topics such as leadership, self-esteem, friendship, competition, power and pleasure.

### **Late night with Rabbi Witkovsky** **Wednesday | Jan 13 | 7:30–8:30 pm |** **For Grades 11 & 12 only**

Join Rabbi Witkovsky once a month for a discussion of the most interesting topics of today, tomorrow, and hundreds of years ago. We will meet in his office after Rabbi Judah Nadich High School classes. No prior knowledge needed. Please bring friends (whether PAS members or not). Come for one Wednesday or for all. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

*Mini-course*

### **Grits and Biscuits**

**Wed | Jan 27; Feb 3, 10 | 6:00 pm**

Sweet tea, grits, biscuits, fried chicken, bacon (kosher, of course), and gravy. Though Southern Jews have never comprised more than 1 percent of the South's population, they sure made a name for themselves. Learn how they differed from their Northern cousins and how they encountered assimilation, slavery and intermarriage.

## Let's Lead

### **Teen A Cappella**

REHEARSAL

**Saturday | Jan 23 | 4:00 pm**

PERFORMANCE

**Friday | Jan 29 | Kabbalat Shabbat (Shabbaton)**

Spend an hour on Shabbat afternoon with friends who like to sing, schmooze and snack. Rehearsals will take place at Cantor Azi Schwartz's home.

### **Rock Band**

This group meets once a week to explore contemporary Jewish music and to play and sing together. *To learn more, including rehearsal dates and times, contact Eliana Light at [elight@pasyn.org](mailto:elight@pasyn.org).*

### **PASTA (Park Avenue Synagogue Teaching Assistants)**

**Monday–Thursday | 4:00–6:00 pm |**

**Flexible time slots**

**PASTA Training | Jan 13**

There are positions available to work during second semester as a *madrach/a* (assistant teacher) in our Congregational School. Each *madrach/a* will be matched with a mentor teacher and will partner with them to help our youngest PAS learners on their Jewish journeys. *For more information, or to sign up, please email Pam Slifer, Assistant Director of the Congregational School, at [pslifer@pasyn.org](mailto:pslifer@pasyn.org).*



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### Let's Do

#### **PAS Food Pantry**

PACKING

Wednesdays | 4:00 pm

DISTRIBUTION

Fridays | 3:45 pm

Contact co-directors Adam First, Matthew Goren, or Caroline Silver, or volunteer coordinator Davis Haupt on the PAS Food Pantry Facebook page for more information.



### Let's Go

#### **Cream, Crumbs, or Cocoa with Hallie**

Anytime!

Hallie Chandler invites anyone in grades 7–12 for an ice cream, a cupcake, or a drink of choice. Please take her up on it! She is eager to meet PAS teens and pre-teens. If you would like to set up a time for yourself or volunteer a young person in your life to meet Hallie, please contact her at [hchandler@pasyn.org](mailto:hchandler@pasyn.org). Her door is always open.

#### **Trip to the University of Pennsylvania and Philadelphia**

Friday–Sunday | Jan 22–24 | Students in grades 9–12

The weekend will include a college tour of Penn, Shabbat at Penn Hillel with our PAS alumni, night life in Philadelphia, the National Museum of American Jewish History, and maybe even a Penn fencing match.



#### **College Connections: Help us keep in touch with your student on campus!**

High school graduates remain part of the PAS family during their college years. They can receive emails with synagogue news, updates, and insights from PAS clergy and educators, plus holiday packages several times a year. If you have not yet submitted your student's address, update it now on [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org).



PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE

## Tikkun Olam

#### **Want to make a difference in the world?**

#### **Join Tikkun Olam projects!**

The Tikkun Olam committee is looking for passionate members of all ages to volunteer and organize hands-on projects that assist people in our community and throughout the world. For more information, email Elissa Drassinower and Limor Geller at [tikkunolam@pasyn.org](mailto:tikkunolam@pasyn.org).



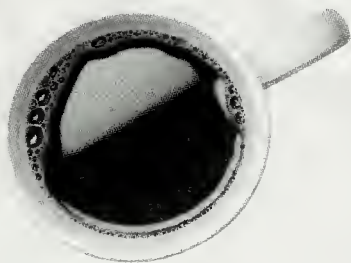
# PAS 20s and 30s

Join Shabbat dinner groups, small learning groups, events, and social action programs. Activities are open to all PAS 20s and 30s and their friends (synagogue membership not required). To see more activities, visit the synagogue website. *If you are interested in this new network, either for yourself or for a family member or friend, contact Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky, ewitkovsky@pasyn.org.*

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## **Coffee with a Rabbi** Anytime

Rabbi Witkovsky invites anyone out for a cup of coffee (or stronger beverage). If you would like to take him up on that, or if you would like to volunteer a 20- or 30-something in your life to have coffee, please contact the rabbi at ewitkovsky@pasyn.org.



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## **BrainThirsty**

**Monday | Jan 4 | 7:45 pm**

Your brain is thirsty; fill it with thought and beverages. Come once a month for drinks and discussion as we bring Jewish and non-Jewish sources to bear on big questions. Each session will focus on a different theme or idea, so if you miss one, you can catch the next one, no problem. It's like Flywheel for your brain. Feel free to bring friends. *If you would like to host your own group for your friends at an office or apartment, please contact Rabbi Witkovsky. New groups are forming all the time.*

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## **Winter Lecture Series**

**Wednesdays | Jan 13, 20, 27 | 7:45 pm**

PAS partners with the Jewish Theological Seminary and other institutions to host a 3-part high-caliber lecture series for young professionals in the NYC area.

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## **Meals at the Mission**

**Sunday | Date TBA | 5:30–7:00 pm**

Serve a meal and a community. Head down to the Bowery Mission to help prepare and serve food.

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## **Ramah Minyan at PAS**

**Friday | Date TBA | 7:00 pm**

Come once a month for an open Friday evening with the Ramah Minyan. After a beautiful Kabbalat Shabbat, stay for drinks and food. It's spiritual, it's social, it's ramazing! All are welcome.

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## **Shabbat Dinner Any Week or Every Week**

**Fridays | 7:30 pm**

If you would like to host a Shabbat dinner with the help of PAS and the online hub OneTable, or if you are interested in attending a Shabbat dinners hosted by Rabbi Witkovsky, please contact him at ewitkovsky@pasyn.org.

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## **Birthright with PAS**

Go on a free trip to Israel with Rabbi Witkovsky at the beginning of the summer. This opportunity is open to anyone aged 22-26 who is eligible to go on Birthright. Their policies have recently expanded to take more people; if you are unsure if you're eligible, check with Rabbi Witkovsky or the Birthright website. The trip is open to anyone in the PAS orbit and their friends. Contact Rabbi Witkovsky to book your spot now!



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# January

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

*Weekday Shahaarit Minyan* Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and January 18 at 9:00 am.  
*Ma'ariv* Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm. Any changes are noted when they occur.

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29 Tevet

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## A LOOK AHEAD | FEBRUARY

*In Partnership with The Jewish Week*

### **How's Your Faith?**

*David Gregory and Abigail Pogrebin  
in Conversation with Rabbi Cosgrove*  
Thursday | February 11 | 7:00 pm

### **Kabbalat Shabbat with Guest Cantor Benjie Ellen Schiller**

Friday | February 26 | 6:15 pm

### **Shabbat Supper Club**

Friday | February 26 | approx. 7:30 pm, following Kabbalat Shabbat

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### **UJA Shabbat with Hindy Poupko**

Saturday | February 27 | 10:00 am | Sanctuary Service (TGIS)

